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THE CAPTAIN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Vessel, Which Was Bound From Genoa for South America, Struck a Rocky Reef and Sank Stera First—Archbishop of San Pedro Among Those Lost—A Number of Fishermen Also Drowned.

Cartagena, Spain (By Cable).—The Italian steamship Sirio, from Genoa for South America, with 800 passengers on board, was wrecked Saturday evening off Hormigas Island, which lies about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos.

Three hundred of the emigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned.

The Bishop of San Pedro, Brazil, was drowned while blessing the passengers of the Sirio. The Archbishop of San Pedrowas, who was also on board, was saved.

It is said that a large number of the first and second cabin passengers were drowned, their cabins being the first to go under water.

The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew of the Sirio got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of ropes thrown to them from the shore.

A number of fishermen who made attempts at rescue were drowned.

The captain of the steamship, after admitting that the catastrophe was due to his own imprudence, committed suicide.

The Sirio was an iron vessel, of 4,141 tons and 5,012-horsepower. She was built at Glasgow in 1883 and was owned by the Navigazione Italiana of Genoa.

The steamer had 642 passengers on board and her crew numbered 127 men. The Sirio had 250 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

The disaster occurred at 5 o'clock P. M. The Sirio was threading a difficult passage through the Hormigas group, where the Balos Hormigas reef is a continual menace to navigation. The vessel began to settle rapidly immediately she had struck, and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board.

The fishermen along the coast sought to render every assistance in their power, and sent out boats, which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crews of the Sirio are among the saved.

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In the midst of this panic the captain and officers of the Sirio endeavored in vain to restrain the people, restore a semblance of order and organize a system of life-saving. This was not accomplished, for the vessel suddenly either broke in half or glided off the rocks and foundered in deep water. The captain purposely sank with his ship.

Tourists Swindled.

Mexico City (Special).—Three Americans, Fred Jones, Jerome Turner and W. J. Wilson, have been arrested and sent to Belem prison, charged with practicing swindling on American tourists whom, it is alleged, they lured to a bell tower of a cathedral and induced to gamble and, when the latter protested, a bogus detective came upon the scene, frightening the losers into silence.

Take the Peasant's Side.

Riga (By Cable).—At a congress of Baltic landowners, held here, a resolution was passed in favor of the sale of crown and church lands and the gradual expropriation of estates in excess of the established maximum. No peasant family owning more than 50 acres may obtain land under this system. The Baltic nobility up to the present time have been opposed to the expropriation of land.

A Duel to the Death.

Springfield, Mo. (Special).—In the streets of Chadwick, Mo., Charles Freeman, a merchant, and Robert Keene, 18 years old, shot each other 70 death with revolvers. Suit recently was brought by Freeman charging Keene with assaulting Freeman's daughter. When the men met on the street both drew revolvers and fired. Freeman was shot in the forehead and in the left breast. Keene was shot three times in the heart. Both were dead when the spectators reached them.

LATESTNEWS INSHORTORDER

DOMESTIC

At Sand Lick, Knott County, Ky., the feud between the Hall and Martin factions broke out afresh, and four men were killed and two wounded in a bloody battle with a sheriff's posse.

At Detroit, Charles H. Kimmerle, of Cassapolis, was nominated for governor of Michigan by the Democratic State Convention on the first ballot over Stanley E. Parkhill, of Owosso, the only other candidate placed in nomination.

At New Castle, Pa., Thomas O'Toole, who attempted to break jail twice to escape the penalty of execution for murdering Ray Barbar, escaped from jail.

Anthony Comstock caused a raid on the Art Student's League of New York, alleging that the catalogue of the school contained nude pictures.

The rumor is again current that Secretary Bonaparte will quit the Navy Department and will succeed Mr. Moody as attorney general.

At Warsaw, N. Y., John W. Neff was found guilty of grand larceny in the first degree on a charge of robbing Eric Combs.

Brigadier General William J. Bolton died in Philadelphia. He served throughout the Civil War.

John D. Rockefeller will not be served with a subpena to appear before the grand jury of Chicago.

Fay Templeton, the actress, was married in Philadelphia, to William Patterson of Pittsburg.

A general strike of lithographers for an eight-hour day has affected 50,000 men in 20 cities.

All-night maneuvers of opposing armies were conducted at Mount Gretna, Pa.

A reunion of crude patroleum by the Standard Oil Company was announced.

Fred Morris Dearing, of Missouri, was appointed by President Roosevelt to be second secretary of the American Legation at Havana, Cuba. Mr. Dearing is now private secretary to Senor Quesada, minister to the United States from Cuba.

Mrs. Harry Thaw and Mrs. William Thaw, her mother-in-law, arrived at the Tombs together in an electric brougham to visit Harry Thaw. Mrs. Harry Thaw again denied that there has been any falling out between her and her mother-in-law.

Additional liquor licenses will be granted in Chicago until the city's population is nearly double what it is now. According to the new law, there can only be one license for every 500 inhabitants.

At Calumet, Mich., farmers attacked miners protected by sheriff's deputies at the Michigan mines. One man was killed, another fatally shot and many wounded. Forty men were arrested.

Senator McCarren, the Democratic leader of Brooklyn, has been sued by a woman who claims to be his common law wife.

Near Lawrenceville, O., one man was killed and several persons were shocked by a bolt of lightning.

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RAILROADS TO BE PROSECUTED

Violations Safety-Appliance Law Alleged.

UNDER DIRECTION GENERAL MOODY.

Action to Be Taken by United States Attorneys in Various Districts Under the Federal Statute—Seventeen Suits Against Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and Thirty Against the Iron Mountain.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Attorney General Moody in accordance with the policy heretofore determined upon has directed further prosecution of a number of railroads for violation of the federal safety appliance acts. The United States attorneys for the various districts wherein the violations were committed will be directed to file and vigorously prosecute suits for the recovery of the statutory penalty.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company will be sued for 17 violations, the Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company for 30 penalties.

The roads to be made defendants and the districts wherein suits will be brought are as follows:

Belt Railroad, of Chicago, Northern district of Illinois; Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, Eastern district of Kentucky; Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, district of Nebraska; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company, district of Nebraska; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, Southern district of Iowa; Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, Northern district of Illinois; Grand Trunk Western Railway Company, Northern district of Illinois; Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Western district of Missouri; Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie, district of Minnesota; Missouri Pacific Railway Company, Western district of Missouri and district of Nebraska; St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company, Western district of Tennessee; St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company, Western district of Tennessee; St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, Eastern district of Arkansas; Southern Railway Company, Western district of Tennessee; Union Pacific Railway Company, district of Nebraska; Union Railway Company, of Memphis, Western district of Tennessee; Union Stockyard Company, of Omaha, district of Nebraska.

PIG IRON STATISTICS

Production in United States and Canada For Half a Year.

Philadelphia, (Special).—The American Iron and Steel Association has received from the manufacturers complete statistics of the production of pig iron in the United States and Canada in the first half of 1906. The production of pig iron in the United States for the period named was 12,602,031 gross tons, against 11,859,468 tons in the last half of 1905 and 11,761,171 tons in the first half of 1905. The production in the first half of 1906 was the largest in any half year in the history of the trade, and larger than that of any whole year prior to 1899. It is not reasonably certain that the production of pig iron in 1906 will exceed 25,000,000 tons.

The production in Canada in the first half of 1906 amounted to 482,000 tons, against 457,707 tons in the last half of 1905 and 210,266 tons in the first half of that year. The production for the first six months of 1906 was the greatest in any half year in the history of the Dominion. It was also greater than the production of any whole year prior to 1902.

Woman Rescues Drowning Woman.

Chippewa Falls, Wis. (Special)—Miss Bertie Schneider, of Milwaukee, rescued Mrs. Clara L. Cowen from drowning in the Chippewa River. Miss Corwin, who could not swim, floated by means of inflated wings to a point in the river beyond her depth, when the air in the wings began to escape, and she sank. Miss Schneider was coming from a small canoe, and reached the drowning woman just as she was going under a second time and towed her to shore. A crowd of helpless girls were on shore witnessing the thrilling rescue. Miss Corwin weighs 175 pounds more than Miss Schneider.

From Finland to Oregon Alone.

Bosen, Mass, (Special).—Each of them wearing a tag marked "Portland, Ore.," three little girls, the oldest not more than 12 years old, arrived here unaccompanied on the Cunard line steamship Ivernia from Queenstown, Finland, the present seat of serious international disturbances. The girls were given over to the railroad officers for their journey across the continent. They are the sisters of Miss Wetzgerd, of Portland, Ore.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

It is said the Erie may build into Pittsburg.

The price of coke has been advanced 10 cents a ton.

Wheat exports continue to be a big factor in the trade.

There was an advance of one point in Russian 4 per cent bonds.

Harriman's plain statement that Union Pacific does not intend to be forced to affected adversely the price of both stocks.

In four years New York city has increased its debt by $170,000,000, so that it is little wonder it must sell 4 per cent bonds at virtually par.

It is said in the street that Harriman has declined up to the present time, to get control of Illinois Central, and that his attempt to do so is solidified opposition in the hands of the opposition interests.

It is not Harriman but the Rockefeller party who will decide when, if ever, the Union Pacific will get control of Southern Pacific. The ball has been thrown the full way in St. Paul, and they share with Harriman an equal voice in Union Pacific.

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LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Gen. Albert L. Mills was ordered to the Philippines to assume command of Fort William McKinley.

Minister Collier, at Madrid, announced the arrangement of a customs convention with Spain.

Alfred H. Brown, Thirteenth Cavalry, died in the Philippines of cholera.

The principal training station of the United States Marine Corps will be moved from Annapolis to New London, Ct., owing to amicosity between the marines and the naval cadets.

A committee or six railroad officials will be named to assist the Interstate Commerce Commission in enforcing the rate law.

Judge Charles E. Magoon, United States Minister to Panama is to become governor general of the Philippines.

The internal revenue tax from liquors and tobacco during the last fiscal year was nearly $250,000,000.

Seven million dollars worth of Panama Canal bonds were delivered to purchasers.

According to a decision by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds, all of Pines is foreign territory, merchandise from that country being subject to the same duties as that from China.

The prediction is made that Congress at its next session will pass a law compelling railroads to sell tickets at the rate of two cents a mile.

Chief Engineer Goethals, of the Panama Canal, announces the appointment of Joseph Ripley as principal assistant engineer.

Minister Combs reported that the Guatemala army had been disbanded in accordance with the Marblehead Treaty.

Rear Admiral Evans reported to the Navy Department that the collier Nero had gone ashore at Block Island.

OVER $100,000 TAKEN.

Clifford S. Hixton, Is Said to Have Made Confession.

Pittsburg (Special).—Clifford S. Hixton, the bookkeeper of the Union Trust Company of this city, who is under arrest, charged is said to have confessed to peculations amounting to $125,000, is still locked up in jail, having thus far failed to secure the $50,000 bail fixed in the case.

There has been no arrest here yet of a fellow-employe said to have been implicated in Hixton's confession, and it is reported the fellow-employe has left the city.

The bank officials refuse to discuss the case in any phase, and are bending every effort to keep the matter quiet, and local papers have apparently ignored the case from the beginning.

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REVOLT RAMPANT THROUGH RUSSIA

Cruisers Flying Red Flags Caused Dismay.

NO MERCY FOR THE MUTINEERS.

Again Officially Reported That the Mutinies at Sveaborg and Cronstadt Have Been Suppressed—Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch Gives Short Shrift to All Suspected of Being Concerned in the Revolt.

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—Though reports were received confirming those previously received stating that the uprisings at Sveaborg and Cronstadt had been crushed, the prospect is still dark and gloomy.

The mutiny at Cronstadt caused a panic at the imperial palace at Peterhof, as the palace lies under the guns of the fortress.

All preparations had been made in advance to flee to Tsarskoe-Selo, the imperial yacht Polar Star being near at hand, with steam constantly kept up. It was reported that the Czar and his family actually had fled in the middle of the night, but this was denied later by the authorities, who said the night control of the fortress.

Although the mutinies at Sveaborg have been ended and the one at Cronstadt has been suppressed, the revolutionists look still bold. The revolutionists, whose hands were suddenly forced by the premature outbreak, though apparently are undaunted at these initial reverses and are bending all their energies to the formation of a general strike.

Reports of the leaders of the revolutionists boasted that the word had gone forth and that the fire of revolt would spread to the corners of the Russian empire. This closing words were:

"Now rouse Revel, Riga and Libau."

In the Sveaborg mutiny seven companies of artillery were concerned, and of the fortress steamer Vitrerlit, the Puskar, Rabotschi, Imgemier and Mars were in the hands of the mutineers, while the Bomba, Opit and Sveaborg remained loyal. The Opit was furiously bombarded by the mutineers, and they threatened to sink the Bomba at the pier should she attempt to put out into the red flag.

During the Skatudden Island mutiny only one, the Finn, of six vessels stationed in the North harbor fired on the marine barracks occupied by mutineers. The others remained passive.

Drowned in Mill Race.

Flint, Mich. (Special).—William H. Davis, aged 29 years, a member of one of the best-known families in Flint, was drowned in the race at the Flint and Pere Marquette mill, where he was pushed into the water while at work. His body was seen drinking with a local man early in the evening, and it is said that about midnight the two men went to the bank of the race to sleep. Night Car Inspector Silver, of the Grand Trunk Railroad, says he heard cries about 3 o'clock from the spot where Davis went into the water and saw a man running away.

The Castellane Divorce.

Paris, (By Cable).—A private agreement has been reached between Count Boni de Castellane and his wife, Countess Anna, who is suing him for divorce, in regard to the custody of their children. It is stipulated by this agreement that at least one of the children shall remain with the mother at all times. The two sons will go immediately to spend two or three weeks with their father, while the daughter remains with her mother. On the return of the boys their sister will depart for a visit with her father.

RAILROAD UNDER BEHRING STRAIT.

Czar Grants Permit for Siberian-Alaska Line.

Paris (By Cable).—In accordance with an order issued by the Emperor of Russia, the American syndicate, represented by Baron Loicq de Lobel, is authorized to begin work on the Trans-Siberian-Alaska Railroad project.

The question of building the Alaskan-Siberian Railroad was discussed in both this country and Europe back in the 90's. In fact, what may be said to be the first step for such a transcontinental system was taken in 1890, when J. W. Powell, director of the United States Geological Survey, was asked by the United States Senate to make a report as to the possibility of communication between Alaska and Siberia by rail. In making this investigation Mr. Powell found that no greater difficulties would be involved in the building of such a road than were encountered in the construction of other transcontinental roads now existing.

It was proposed that the road should begin at a proper point of the Northern Pacific in Montana, and continue through the head waters of the Peace River to the head waters of the Yukon. It was to proceed thence to some point on the shore of Behring Sea. The total distance was estimated at 2,765 miles. A branch road would be built from the head waters of the Peace River to the mouth of the Sikhine River, in order to establish communication with Asia.

Because of the construction of the Siberian Railroad during the Russo-Japanese conflict considerable apprehension that it may cause the outbreak of a holy war, for which a serious agitation has been in progress, both among the Shiite and Sunnite Turkish Tartars, for a long time.

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Tried in the Fire.

The words of wisdom which Hall from time to time let fall for the enlightenment of her guests were always treasured and often repeated. "You don't want to get wrong notion about your children's room homelike to a man," she would say to a newly married friend to be married.

"Somebody once gave me a piece of advice, when your father and I were just engaged, that told me a young woman that married a bachelor kept a good deal of her little piece of sewing or a book chief on his desk, so that when she came home at night and found he had a sudden glow at his heart for her, his lonely desk would be brought to the hospital today. He lost one leg by amputation as the result of the accident, and he was carried today that his left arm was fractured.

Child Kidnapped.

Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—It is alleged by the police here that a young colored Laura Neaman, daughter of William Neaman, of Philadelphia, has been stolen from her parents' home by Mrs. Lydia Bingham, at Absecon. The aunt accuses Katherine Bruscher, of 1759 N. Warner street, Philadelphia, with abducing the child. The Bruscher woman and her two children were here at Bingham's Saturday. She took her own child and the Neaman youngster for a walk Tuesday and has not been seen since. The Philadelphia police have been asked to look for her.

Hit Hard By Frieze Fire.

Hamburg (By Cable).—At an extra meeting of the stockholders of the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company here, the directors informed the shareholders that the total losses of the company as a result of the San Francisco disaster amounted to $4,365,000. The reserves on hand amount to $3,000,000, and it would therefore be necessary for the shareholders to pay 30 per cent, on the capital.

Holy War Is Feared.

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EPISODE.

with Love's flag half-mast high,
Sees come but Love passed by.
Hope his colors bore,
opened wide the door,
stopped a little space,
turned away his face,
Love's visit ne'er repeat.
He entered, that he went.

THE LOSS OF HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Bill's Long Search Rewarded. **By John Fleming Wilson.**

"But she's left a will,' says Bill.

"'Where's the evidence?' I retorts. 'Bury her.'

"'I can't,' says Bill. 'She left it in her will that she was to be cremated.'

"'Cremated!' I exclaims. 'Do you mean she wants to be stuffed and put on the mantle-piece? Don't you do it, Bill.'

"'It's not that,' says he. 'She wants to be burned to ashes—cremated in an oven.'

"'I see,' I remarks, real hearty, 'and you don't fancy eating vittles cooked after her.'

"'No!' he yells. 'I've got to take her to a crematory and burn her in a place made for that. It's a ceremony same as burying.'

"'Well, why don't you go ahead?' I demands, some vexed at his stupidity. 'It's from my mother-in-law I'm a minute. I take it kind that your wife's ma left word to do it.'

"'Cris,' says Bill, 'she left it in her will that she was to be cremated, and you don't know what will I did with them remains.' He threw a flutter-ance at the bartender, and then took into a pocket. "Lemme some gin," he continued, more

barkeeper set the bottle out, watched his customer pour a glass and put the bottle away again, he

"Maybe you'll find 'em at home,' I remarks.

"Not when my mother-in-law's got anything to do with it,' says he. 'She wants the ashes back to keep in the parlor. She says it's the proper thing.'

"I didn't just see what the trouble was, but a: Bill was low in his mind I cheered him up as best I could, and told him to take as many days as was needful to make a good job of burning his wife's ma.

"Next day Bill turns up in the afternoon, quite solemn in black and white. 'I want you to do me a favor,' says he.

"'What is it?' I asks.

"'Come with me to the cremation,' he says. 'Mary says she can't bear to go, and I don't want to be alone. Doesn't seem sorely decent.'

"'I aint a good mourner,' I says, 'but I never desert a shipmate.' So we trotted off to the crematory, and sat on chairs in front of a furnace while Bill's wife's ma was cremated. It was terribly gloomy, specially when th' man in command came and says very sweet and kind, 'Now it's over. What shall you do with the ashes?'

"She's gone,' says Bill. 'Poor woman! Did she leave many ashes?'

"Not many,' says the man. 'Will you take 'em with you?'

"'That's the proper thing!' Bill demands.

"'It is,' says the man.

"'All right,' says Bill, resigned. "I thought maybe Mary was wrong, but what's proper must be done.'

Bill didn't cotton to that ash-in-the way he wanted to. heavy on his digestion. He, and he and his mother-in-law got the way his wife thought he but Bill didn't say much on the day before we got into port. Cap'n, I wonder if my mother-in-likes me.

"Do you like her?' I demands.

"'I try to do my duty,' says he. "'An unpleasant duty!' I sug-

He seems to sort of hoodoo me, ports out. I'm afraid she'll be ashe was. Poor Bill! he tastes

"Come to find out Bill had been ashes! Two fierce dogs that chased him up against the garden fence, and as it often the case, no gun could be found loaded, and after tossing the dogs around over the meadow with apparent ease he crossed over to near Harper Wolford's on the creek and made his escape in the jungle, hotly pursued by a dozen or more men and dogs with short breath and fast beating hearts. —Hampshire Review.

Flying Squirrel Came Down Chimney.

A flying squirrel recently came down the chimney, a la Santa Claus, at William C. Leavitt's home in Norway. He got into the soot on his passage down and got out through the fine into the room. He looked black, and at first was called a black squirrel. He was a rare looking animal. He did not appear to be much frightened and was easily caught.—Kennebec Journal.

POPULAR SCIENCE

A scientist says that automobiling will cure insomnia.

A process of producing morphine directly from the poppy is announced by the American Department of Agriculture.

It is estimated that the corn-stalks grown on a single acre will yield about one hundred and seventy gallons of commercial alcohol.

Dr. Wolff, a well known author, on the subject, calls attention to the high mortality from cancer in the beer drinking districts of Germany. He instances Bavaria and Salsburg, both great beer drinking-centres. Both of these districts show high mortality among cancer patients.

The new method of producing general anesthesia proposed by Schneiderlin of Berlin, consists in giving three hypodermic injections—two hours, one hour and half an hour before operation—of scopolamine with some morphine. Unconsciousness continues some hours after the operation.

The recent discovery by Mr. Allen, a Dublin veterinary surgeon, that ordinary turpentine is an antidote to carbolic acid has aroused great interest. A well known chemical expert in Dublin tested the efficacy of the antidote on a dog. A dose of carbolic acid was first administered, and then all the ordinary symptoms of carbolic poisoning had been developed, oil of turpentine was applied, and the dog recovered within a short time.

Loss of sleep proves to be the curious effect that may limit man's mountain-climbing. Dr. Ballou's Workman mentions that in his camp in the Himayas in 19,255 feet, members of his party were kept awake by lack of breath, and on doing off would suddenly wake gasping. He concludes that inability to sleep may itself be sufficient to keep climbers from going beyond twenty-three to twenty-five thousand feet.

According to the American Manufacturer, the coal deposits of North America are estimated to contain nearly as much as those of Europe, or 681,000,000,000 tons, but even this gigantic figure is completely dwarfed by Asia's wealth of coal, as to which it is at present impossible to make an even approximate estimate. China more especially seems to possess inexhaustible supplies, and a German scientist has put the coal deposits of the province of Shansi as 1,200,000,000,000 tons.

Drifts over deep wells are usually due to changes of temperature or barometric pressure, air being forced in as the pressure rises and drawn out when the barometer is falling. But two wells in the Vicksburg Jackson limestone of southern Georgia have shown the strange phenomena of a continuous in-draft. This has been investigated by Mr. S. W. McCalle, who has found a rapid subterranean stream at a depth of about 120 feet, and it is supposed that the air is sucked in by friction and carried along until the water rises as a large spring.

THE EX-MESSENGER BOY.

In England He Has Developed Into a Very Serious Problem.

The Postmaster-General's recent appeal to employers to give preference to ex-telegraph messenger boys must draw attention once more to one of the principal causes of the unemployed difficulty, says London Modern Society. There would be no reason for the promotion of all the telegraph boys when they are no longer boys. Nor has their training in the past been such as to teach them anything but habits of cleanliness and the use of their legs. At sixteen or seventeen the boy is turned loose with no special aptitude and, having earned a decent wage hitherto, he expects to do as well with equally unskilled labor as a grown man, and becomes a claimant about the dock gates.

But the evil spreads far beyond the messenger service; for the unsightly British parent of the less provident classes jumps at the prospect of the boy's addition to the household budget. Therefore the boy, as soon as he is free from school (and often before that), is set to run errands, to sit on the tail of a van, to perform any one of the hundred odd jobs that bring in a boy's wage—but once he's the boy reaches adolescence. A typically modern instance is that of the golf caddie. He is on the links in the thousands every day of the week, and makes a good thing of it—for a year or two. But the caddie who has become a man has learned no trade, no handicraft. The royal game of golf may have rejuvenated many old men, but it has certainly ruined thousands of boys.

Indeed, the case of the caddie is peculiarly typical of this evil of early wage-earning. For the caddie lives an easy and healthy life in the open air; he earns good wages—for a boy—and, in spite of all regulations to the contrary, may depend upon generous perquisites. But what is to become of these thousands of boys when they have to face a man's responsibilities and have training to help them? We suspect that a large percentage take the course that is practically but a temporary refuge for the unskilled—and enlist. And here we may find the explanation of the dismal figures supplied by a recent investigator, who found that about sixty per cent. of the male "casuals" in our workhouses are "old soldiers."

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